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Whiskey Creek Launch Ramp Reopened

On Friday, May 18, Cal Boating and National Park Service (NPS) participated in reopening ceremonies for the Whiskey Creek Boat Launching Facility following the completion of \$430,000 in improvements. Cal Boating funded the project.

James Milestone, NPS Superintendent, made welcoming remarks and introduced Cal Boating Director Ray Tsuneyoshi, who said, "As an avid fisherman myself, I'm especially pleased that we helped develop such a great facility for anglers."

The grant paid for the extension of the boat launching ramp and the addition of a lane, two new dual-rail boarding floats, the tear-out and replacement of the parking area, solar lighting, landscaping, and a facility sign. The facility is located on Whiskeytown Lake in Shasta County and operated by NPS.



L-R: The National Park Service's Jim Milestone, Wayne Pero, and Jerry Wheeler with DBW's Mike Ammon and Director Ray Tsuneyoshi.

DBW Resumes Water Hyacinth Control in Delta

On July 2, 2001, the Department of Boating and Waterways resumed herbicide treatment of the water hyacinth plant in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, following a 19-month hiatus of the control program. The Department discontinued treatment of the non-native aquatic pest in November of 1999, due to a lawsuit, since dismissed, over whether state and federal permits were needed for the statutorily mandated program.

Boating and Waterways recently received all necessary permits from the State Water Resources Control Board, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service.

The July 2 kickoff of the program, held at Ladds Stockton Marina, included a media demonstration by department staff of treatment procedures at the marina, which was clogged with the pesky plant.

Undersecretary for the Resources Agency Michael Sweeney, Director Ray Tsuneyoshi and DBW staff were in attendance to answer media questions. Reporters and camera crews from all Sacramento television stations were in attendance, as well as

local print media. Director Ray Tsuneyoshi provided video interviews to each of the television reporters, which ran stories that evening.

Ray Tsuneyoshi said, "We're pleased that all applicable state and federal agencies have given us the green light to control this pest in a safe manner. During warm weather, water hyacinths can double in size every 10 days. In fact, the plant is the fastest growing plant in the world."

First introduced to the Delta 100 years ago from South America, the plant's uncontrolled spread eventually blocked irrigation systems and navigational channels, and impacted fish and wildlife habitat.

"Controlling water hyacinths is not only good news for boaters and others who enjoy and live along these waterways. It's good news for the Delta's ecosystem," said Mary D. Nichols, California Secretary for Resources. "Resuming this important control program means removing a serious ecological menace that's

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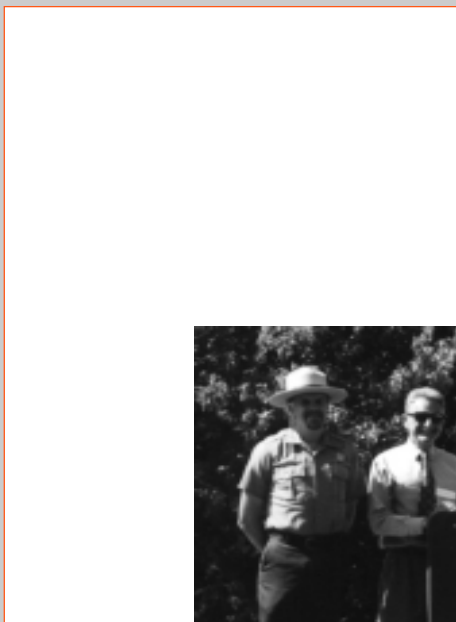
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USCG Auxiliary's Herb Golenpaul



Herb Golenpaul (l.) and Bert Agustin.

Visitors to the Corte Madera Dept. of Motor Vehicles may notice that this DMV offers a little something extra: A boating safety and education booth located near the Boater Registration counter.

For 14 years, Herb Golenpaul, head of Education for Flotilla 14 of the United State Coast Guard Auxiliary, has staffed the booth at the Marin County DMV branch as a public service.

Herb has provided boating safety brochures, encouraged people to take basic boating classes, and presented a continuous video on safe boating at the USCG Auxiliary Safety Booth.

"In addition Herb provides valuable assistance for people needing to register their boats here," said Asst. Manager, Bert Agustin. "This has been most helpful for our community."

Herb maintains a material rack filled weekly with over 25 different brochures from Cal Boating and other boating safety resources, on San Francisco Bay boating safety and information, for all ages. He also displays a USCG Auxiliary Bulletin Board, which in the past he has used to announce various boating safety issues.

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attacking the health of many waterways in the Delta and the many species that depend on them."

By the early 1980s, the dense mats impeded business and recreation to the extent that the California Legislature mandated Boating and Waterways to provide a program to control its spread. It is recognizable by its shiny, green leaves and attractive

lavender flowers. The Department will spend between \$1.1 and \$2 million each year to control the plant, depending on the cost of monitoring provisions required by the federal permits.



Water Hyacinth Control Program crew, l. to r., Michael Palm, Tim Artz and Chad Goodwin, treating plants near Stockton.

CALIFORNIA'S ENERGY CHALLENGE

The energy challenge facing California is real.

To reduce the risk of power outages, the most important thing we can do in the short term is reduce our demand for electricity and use energy more efficiently.

We in California have the power of nearly 35 million people and are the fifth largest economy in the world. By reducing our electricity demand we can help avoid shortages and lower energy bills.

Listed below are simple things that you can do right now to reduce demand and cut your own energy costs. The savings numbers are based on your total summer electric bill. Equipment mentioned must be electric powered for estimates to be accurate.

Turn up your Thermostat

Set your thermostat to 78 degrees when you are home and 85 degrees or off when you are away. Using ceiling or room fans allows you to set the thermostat higher because the air movement will cool the room. Always take into account health considerations and be sure to drink plenty of fluids in warm weather. For each degree, you'll save 1 - 3% on your utility bill.

Use your appliances wisely

To help prevent electricity outages, avoid running your appliances during peak hours, —from **4 p.m. to 6 p.m.** — or anytime an electricity emergency is declared.

- * Do your laundry efficiently by using the warm or cold water setting for washing your clothes. Always use cold water to rinse clothes. (Save: 4%).
- * Line dry clothes whenever you can. (Save up to 5%)
- * When you need to use the dryer, run full loads, use the moisture-sensing setting, and clean the clothes dryer lint trap after each use. (Save: 0.5%)

Conserve energy by running your dishwasher only when it is fully loaded, and turn off the dry cycle and air dry dishes instead. (Save: 1%)

Operate swimming pool filters and cleaning sweeps efficiently

- * Reduce the operating time of your pool filter and automatic cleaning sweep to 4 to 5 hours, and only during off-peak time. (Save: 1-2%)

Eliminate wasted energy

- * Turn off appliances, lights and equipment when not in use. (Save: 2%)
- * Unplug electronic devices and chargers when they aren't in use—most new electronics use electricity even when switched “off.” Turn computers and printers off at the power strip. (Save: 1-2%)
- * Unplug or recycle that spare refrigerator in the garage if you don't really need it. This will save you \$150 per year! (Save: 10-20%)

INEXPENSIVE ENERGY SOLUTIONS

Make a quick trip to your local hardware store to purchase inexpensive energy saving tools and equipment.

Replace air conditioner filters

Dirty filters restrict airflow and can cause the system to run longer, increasing energy use. Replace filters monthly for maximum benefit. (Save: 1-2%)

Plug your home's leaks

Weather-strip, seal, and caulk leaky doors and windows, and install foam gaskets behind outlet covers. (Save: up to 2%)

GOOD ENERGY SAVING INVESTMENTS

Planning to do some remodeling soon? Time to replace old appliances? Consider these energy efficiency suggestions when you make purchases.

Install a whole house fan

A whole house fan is permanently installed in your attic and draws cool air into your home through the windows while forcing hot air out through your attic vents. Use after sundown when the outside temperature drops below 80 degrees, and in the early morning to cool your house and help reduce your air conditioning use. (Save: up to 5%)

Install window shading

Install patio covers, awnings, and solar window screens to shade your home from the sun. For additional future savings, use strategically planted trees, shrubs and vines to shade your home. (Save: 5%)

Invest in a new air conditioner unit

If your air conditioner is on the way out, buy an Energy Star® air conditioner. (Save: up to 10%)

Seal your ducts

Leaking ductwork accounts for 25% of cooling costs in an average home, so have your ducts tested and have any leaks or restrictions repaired by a qualified contractor. Note: duct cleaning is not the same as duct sealing. (Save: 10 -20%)

Replace your refrigerator with an Energy Star® model

Refrigerators with a top or bottom freezer design can save you an additional 2-3% on your bill compared to a side-by-side design. (Save: 10%)

Increase attic insulation

If existing insulation level is R-19 or less, consider insulating your attic to at least R-30. (Save: 10%)

Checkout www.flexyourpower.ca.gov for more information.

DBW Meets With 10 Members of Chinese Maritime Delegation

On July 12, Ray Tsuneyoshi and DBW management met in Sacramento with 10 government officials from China to discuss waterway development, marina financing, and recreational boating safety. The leader of the Chinese delegation was Yougen Zhang, Deputy Director General of the Maritime Navigation Administration for the Department of Transportation in the Zhejiang Province, a major province in southern China.

The Zhejiang Province has one of the most well-developed waterway networks in China. The World Bank has provided funding for the waterways restructuring project in their province, and the officials visited the United States to study the American model of waterway management.

Through an interpreter, the delegation asked many questions about marinas, boating safety, and abandoned vessels. The Department served tea and cookies and also provided packets of information to each member.

The delegation will also meet with the Port of San Diego, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Maryland Port Administration, and the U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration.

DBW staff were honored to be part of an experience that brought professionals from two different countries and cultures together at the same table to discuss common issues. See www.dbw.ca.gov/webchinese for photos of this event.

Yacht and Ship Broker Violations

The Department of Boating and Waterways has levied civil penalties against the following licensed salesperson for violations of the Yacht and Ship Brokers Act (Sections 700 et seq., of the Harbors and Navigation Code):

Stuart Fox Jr., License S-9606
Previously with Superior Yachts West
Emeryville, CA

VIOLATION: Mr. Fox entered into a settlement agreement with the Department agreeing to pay \$1,500 for three violations of the Harbors and Navigation Code, section 708(a) – acting in the capacity of a salesperson during a period in which he was not licensed to do so.

PENALTY: \$1,500

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